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Greek 'Homecoming Wars' elevate to another level

Fraternity and sorority pranks designed to promote healthy competition sometimes foster a spirit of destruction

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State University's greek system has a proud legacy of community service and dedication to the development of the Jacksonville State campus.

However, there is also an element of competition that has always been present between fraternities and sororities that usually fosters a healthy competitive atmosphere, but sometimes the competitiveness gets a little out of hand, according to Megan Radison, assistant director of Student Life.

Each year fraternities and sororities pair up and engage in countless numbers of pranks ranging from toilet-papering cars, to stealing (or borrowing) composites and special chapter symbols.

"We kind of refer to the



The Chanticleer/Rosalind Moore

On Oct. 20, the Panhellenic house in Paul Carpenter Village was the subject of a prank but suffered no real damage. Fraternity and sorority members traditionally engage in prank wars around Homecoming.

pranks as 'Homecoming Wars,' said Brady Thrower, president of the Kappa Alpha Order. "It allows the new members of sororities and fraternities the opportunity to

get to know each other."

Many of the fraternity presidents agree that the pranks are just in fun, but can sometimes get out of hand.

"The traditional pranks at

JSU can get out of hand during the homecoming season, because often times the fraternities and sororities pair together, and they have a little rivalry between each

other," said Radison. "It gets out of hand when they start retaliating, and so what can start out small can become more severe as time goes on."

The problem is complicated because often it is difficult to distinguish Homecoming fun from criminal mischief.

On Oct. 21, Radison reported a break-in at the Paul Carpenter Village Panhellenic House.

It was recorded in an incident report with the University Police Department that furniture was overturned and moved, garbage was strewn on the floor of the house, residents reported missing food, and condiments spelled out the fraternity letters Sigma Phi Epsilon on the floor.

"Our organization was really bothered by the break-in situation," said Kenny Reighard, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. "It

was all being blamed on our organization because of the letters spelled out on the floor."

Reighard received a call from Radison at about 9 a.m. in the morning. Sigma Phi Epsilon denied any involvement in the matter, but cleaned up the mess anyway.

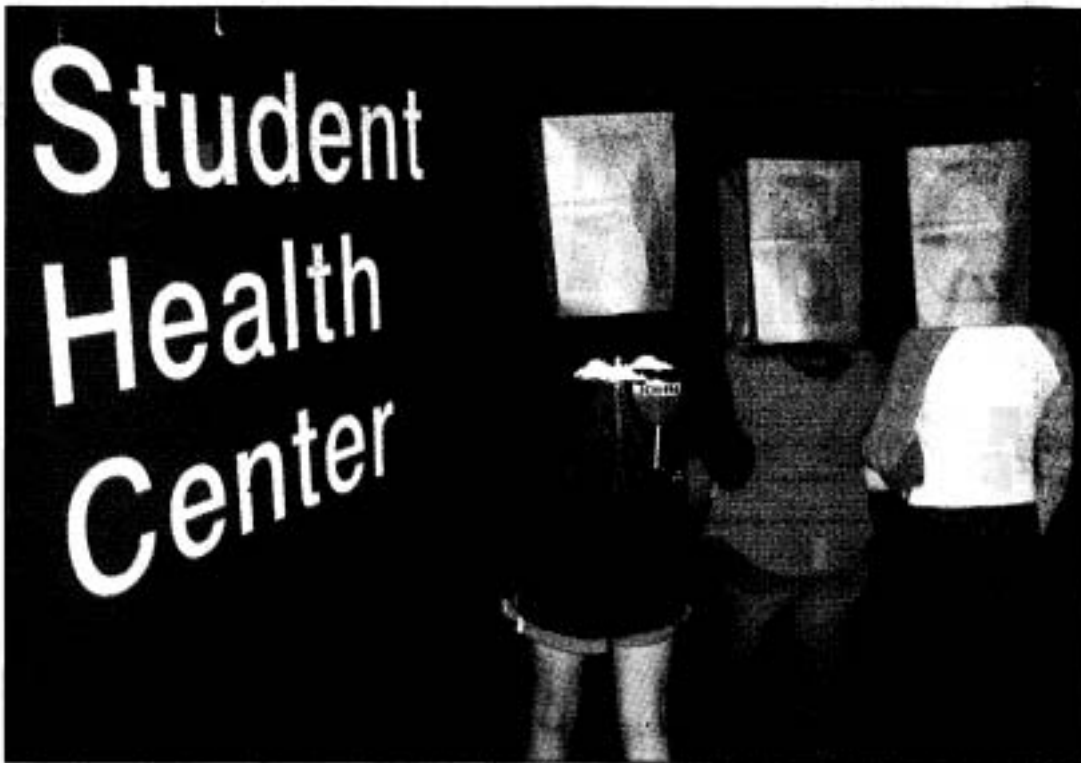
Reighard stated that later during the week his organization investigated the incident and found out who was really responsible for the prank.

"Once we found out what fraternity was responsible, at our Interfraternity Council meeting, I stressed that our national organization could possibly get into legal matters based on libel."

Delta Chi, the fraternity responsible for the damage, came forward, and the matter was handed over to Radison for

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Do you know your STD prevention ABCs?



The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

The Student Health Center says STD prevention is as simple as ABC. Abstinence, behavior and condom use are part of the three-point program that is geared toward educating students about preventing the spread of curable and incurable STDs. JSU students can take the first step toward gaining this valuable information by visiting the Student Health Center.

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Do you know your county sexually transmitted disease rate? Today, in a world

where overwhelming evidence proves that STD prevention efforts have saved countless lives from HIV/AIDS and other diseases, it is important to be

well-informed about your particular place in the world. According to a brochure put out by the Centers for Disease Control, currently "prevention efforts have

helped to slow the rate of new infections in the U.S. from over 150,000 per year in the late 1980s to 40,000 today."

However, one of the primary prevention efforts is knowledge. According to Robert Mills, an RN at JSU Student Health Services, the prevention effort the office uses consists of STD training programs across campus.

"We look at prevention from three simple and easy ways," Mills stated. "It's as simple as ABC: Obviously, 'A' means abstinence. If you are abstinent from having sexual intercourse then you're not going to contract an STD." The letters B and C stand for behavior and condoms. Student Health Services uses these three guidelines to present a well-rounded approach for students to use when making decisions concerning sexual intercourse.

"The behavior in which

college students or the adult approaches these activities if they are sexually active makes a difference," said Mills. Having too many sexual partners or the absence of sexual protection can increase the chances of transmitting these diseases.

Although there are some diseases that are treatable, there are still some which are

not. The CDC released an estimated number of AIDS cases in the United States through December 2002. At least 886,575 people are recognized as being diagnosed with AIDS. However, this number does not include those diagnosed with HIV or unaccounted and unknowing

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JSU chapter of College Democrats hosts 'Rally for America's Future'



The Chanticleer/Erin Chupp

The College Democrats hosted a Rally for America's Future this past Tuesday in the Leone Cole Auditorium. The rally featured speaker Stephen Black, the grandson of Justice Hugo Black of the United States Supreme Court. Other speakers were present to speak on many different topics.

Above, The discussion of important issues concerning America continued after the keynote address. Participants gathered after the rally to express their opinions about the topics discussed.

Right, Keynote speaker Stephen Black addresses the audience about issues of concern for America today.



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SGA prepares to survey students about spring concert

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Last year, the Student Government Association's attempt to provide Jacksonville State University students with a spring concert failed. This year, the concert committee is beginning preparations to provide students with a little entertainment during the spring months.

"Right now, we are trying to organize a survey to get the

opinions about what particular genre students are interested in," said Doug White, chair of the concert committee. The survey will consist of a list of different genres ranging anywhere from alternative to country to rock to R&B styles of music.

The survey will help the SGA determine what type of music the majority of students would be interested in hearing and paying for. In previous years,

the SGA has hosted such groups as Rascal Flatts and Train. When asked why SGA did not host a concert last year, Mardracus Russell, vice president of student activities, stated that "money and time constraints were the major issues."

At this current time, the SGA does not have any ideas in mind for prospective singers or bands. The initial focus is on research and finding out what students really want.

The genre survey will take place on the 2nd floor of the Theron Montgomery Building on Tuesday, Nov. 11 and Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The SGA encourages students to come out and voice their opinions.

At this time the SGA does not have a specific company or agent that they will be working with to book a concert. "It all depends on the genre that is

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By the numbers:

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Oct. 31 - Morehead State 3, JSU 1

Nov. 1 - JSU 3, Eastern Kentucky 1

Friday - vs. Tennessee Tech 7 p.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum

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U.S. helicopter shot down in Iraq, kills 15 soldiers

By Tini Tran
The Associated Press

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) – Targeting Americans with new audacity, insurgents hiding in a date palm grove shot down a Chinook helicopter carrying dozens of soldiers heading for home leave Sunday, killing 15 and wounding 20 in the deadliest strike against U.S. forces since they invaded Iraq in March.

Witnesses said the attackers used missiles – a sign of the increasing sophistication of Iraq's elusive anti-U.S. fighters.

Three other Americans were killed in separate attacks Sunday, including one 1st Armored Division soldier in Baghdad and two U.S. civilians working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Fallujah. All three were victims of roadside bombs, the military said.

About 18 of the wounded soldiers were scheduled to arrive at Rammstein Air Base in Germany on Monday, spokesman Maj. Mike Young

said. They were to be brought to the nearby Landstuhl Medical Center for treatment. Although there were no details of their condition, generally only the seriously injured are transferred to Landstuhl.

Sunday's death toll was the highest for American troops since March 23 – the first week of the invasion that ousted Saddam Hussein – and the attack represented a major escalation in the campaign to drive the U.S.-led coalition out of the country.

The giant helicopter was ferrying the soldiers on their way for leave outside Iraq when two missiles streaked into the sky and slammed into the rear of the aircraft, witnesses told The Associated Press. It crashed in flames in farmers' fields west of Baghdad.

"It's clearly a tragic day for America," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said in Washington. "In a long, hard war, we're going to have tragic days. But they're necessary. They're part of a war that's difficult and complicated."

Like past attacks on U.S. forces and a string of suicide bombings that killed dozens in Baghdad the past week, U.S. coalition officials blamed either Saddam loyalists or foreign fighters for the strike outside Fallujah, a center of Sunni

"They'll never be safe until they get out of our country."

• a resident of Fallujah, Iraq, about Americans

Muslim resistance to the U.S. occupation.

President Bush, who was at his Texas ranch Sunday, refused to personally comment on the attacks. He spent the day out of public view – a "down" day between campaign appearances Saturday and Monday.

L. Paul Bremer, the head of the occupation in Iraq, repeated demands that Syria and Iran

prevent fighters from crossing their borders into Iraq.

"They could do a much better job of helping us seal that border and keeping terrorists out of Iraq," he told CNN. The "enemies of freedom" in Iraq "are using more sophisticated techniques to attack our forces."

U.S. officials have been warning of the danger of shoulder-fired missiles, thousands of which are now scattered from Saddam's arsenals, and such missiles are believed to have downed two U.S. copters since May 1. Those two crashes – of smaller helicopters – wounded only one American.

The loaded-down Chinook was a dramatic new target. The insurgents have been steadily advancing in their weaponry, first using homemade roadside bombs, then rocket-fired grenades in ambushes on American patrols, and vehicles stuffed with explosives and detonated by suicide attackers.

In the fields south of Fallujah, some villagers proudly showed off blackened pieces of the Chinook's wreckage to arriving

reporters.

Though a few villagers tried to help, many celebrated word of the helicopter downing, as well as a fresh attack on U.S. soldiers in Fallujah itself. Two American civilians working under contract for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers were killed and one was injured in the explosion of a roadside bomb, the military said.

"This was a new lesson from the resistance, a lesson to the greedy aggressors," one Fallujah resident, who would not give his name, said of the helicopter downing. "They'll never be safe until they get out of our country," he said of the Americans.

The downed copter was one of two Chinooks flying out in formation from an air base in Habbaniyah, about 10 miles from the crash site, carrying troops to Baghdad on route for rest and recreation – R&R.

The missiles seemed to have been fired from a palm grove about 500 yards away, Thar Ali, 21, said. At least one hit the Chinook, which came down in a

field in the farming village of Hasai, a few miles south of Fallujah, witnesses said.

The missiles flashed toward the helicopter from the rear, as usual with heat-seeking ground-fired missiles. The most common model in the former Iraqi army inventory was the Russian-made SA-7, also known as Strelas.

Hours later, thick smoke rose from the blackened, smoldering hulk as U.S. soldiers swarmed over the crash site, evacuating the injured, retrieving evidence and cordoning off the area.

Yassin Mohamed said he heard the explosion and ran out of his house, a half-mile away.

"I saw the helicopter burning. I ran toward it because I wanted to help put out the fire, but couldn't get near because of American soldiers," he said.

The U.S. military would not confirm that the aircraft was struck by a missile, but a spokesman, Col. William Darley, said witnesses reported seeing "missile trails."

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carriers.

According to an article discussing youth at risk for HIV/AIDS it reports that at least half of the new infections in the United States are among people under the

age of 25.

"We have seen sexually transmitted diseases occurring after big parties of organizations where students get out and drink a little too much and have unprotected intercourse," said Mills.

He also pointed out that normally these things occur out of the norm of activity that students participate in. This is why the second guideline emphasizes behavior.

Condom use is the last prevention tip recommend-

ed by the Student Health Center. Although condom use is not 100 percent reliable, condoms are about 98 or 99 percent effective. Many health agencies stress the importance of protection because not all STDs are curable.

According to Cary Owens of the Calhoun County Health Department, numbers indicate gonorrhea incidents are more prevalent than any other STD

ed. "We primarily test in this office for bacterial STDs like chlamydia and gonorrhea. We see more of these bacterial diseases."

Most bacterial diseases are treatable and curable. Other infections, such as viral diseases, are treatable but not curable.

"We try to make an understanding to students that if you're going to be sexually active, limiting to one partner and use of condoms will

sors various workshops and seminars for different campus organizations.

The message of prevention is making monumental changes in the transmission of STDs across the United States. Acquiring more information will allow students to make better informed decisions.

"It would be a great and wonderful world we lived in if everyone would remain abstinent until they were

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Hello Gamecocks! Thanks to Brandie Highfield for a great sisterhood at Zoo Atlanta last Saturday – we love you! Congratulations to our Championship Intramural Bowling

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Hello Gamecocks! Thanks to Brandie Highfield for a great sisterhood at Zoo Atlanta last Saturday – we love you! Congratulations to our Championship Intramural Bowling team! Thanks to Rema Snider for a great job with Initiation. Good luck to our Gamecocks this weekend against Samford. Have a great weekend everyone! **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6178, Anezta@aol.com.

• **Delta Zeta:** It's been a fun Big/Little week and everyone's looking forward to revealing tonight. New Member of the week is Laura and twisted sister is Ashley Hendrick. Good luck to the football team this Saturday. Go DZ Marching Southerners! Check out our Web site: www.jaxstdeltazeta.org **Contact:** Jessie, 435-4366.

• **Baptist Campus Ministries:** Who needs sleep? We DON'T! Slumber Party 2003 is tomorrow night at 9 p.m. ALL JSU students are invited! So bring your modest sleepwear and get ready to party the night away with food, fun, fellowship and Jesus! **Contact:** Gary 435-7020, gbrittn@jsucc.jsu.edu.

• **JSU Model Arab League:** The club is open to any JSU students interested in Middle East issues. **Contact:** Dr. Thomas Baucom, 782-5811, tbaucom@jsucc.jsu.edu.

• **Peer Counselors:** Good Day, Gamecocks! Are you interested in becoming a member of the Orientation Team 2004? Time is running out, so come by the office of Student Life and pick up your application today! Applications due Nov. 21. **Contact:** Tim King or Misty Cassell, 782-5491.

• **Wesley Foundation:** Hey everyone! Here's what is going on during the week at Wesley: Monday at 9 p.m. Worship; Tuesday at 7 p.m. Basketball at FUMC (behind McDonalds); Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Bible Study; Thursday at 7 p.m. Wesley Night ... FREE FOOD! Everyone is welcome! **Contact:** Penny Ford, 435-2208.

• **Student Government Association:** The SGA and the American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Nov. 11 and Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the TMB. GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE! **Contact:** Crissy Almaroad, 782-5491.

• **Sigma Nu:** Sigma Nu would like to congratulate the 2003 winner of the first annual GC, Josh Fuller. Sigma Nu would also like to thank the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha for the beautiful vocal stylings, we enjoyed it! **Contact:** Trey Parrish, 435-9809.

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CAMPUS CRIME

Oct. 29 – John Christopher Woosley, 23, was arrested by JSUPD for attempting to traffic a controlled substance.

Oct. 30 – Kevin Thomas Hardy, 23, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring on Highway 21.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

incidents are more prevalent than any other STD. According to health department numbers, over 100 cases were documented. These numbers, however, only reflect those registered cases.

The county also has registered cases of syphilis, HIV, AIDS and chlamydia.

"Calhoun County does not have the highest county numbers in Alabama; however, surrounding areas like Talladega County show high results in gonorrhea," said Owens.

"There are different categories of STDs," Mills stat-

active, limiting to one partner and use of condoms will help prevent the transmitting of STDs."

According to health department numbers, the total number of reported cases of HIV in Alabama since about 1984-85 until mid-August of 2003 is 13,609.

The Student Health Center offers testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia and also has a gynecologist available for women. They encourage students who are sexually active to get regular check-ups. The Student Health Center often spon-

if everyone would remain abstinent until they were married to their one partner, but that's not the real world," Mills stated.

"So you have to rely on B and C which are behaviors and condoms.

Make sure you're aware of your situation at all times, and if you're going to be sexually active, whether it be one partner or many partners – especially in college – use condoms."

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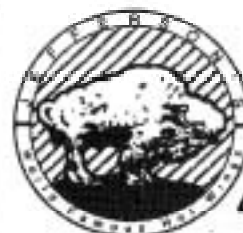
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Supreme Court rejects Moore's commandment appeal

By Anne Gearan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused Monday to enter the long-running fight over an enormous monument depicting the Ten Commandments and the renegade judge who wants to keep it on display in an Alabama courthouse.

The court quietly rejected appeals from suspended Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had argued that the monument properly acknowledges "God as the source of the community morality so essen-

tial to a self-governing society." Moore was suspended as chief justice for defying a federal court order to remove the monument. He goes on trial before the Alabama Court of the Judiciary on Nov. 12 on face judicial ethics charges for his refusal to comply with the order.

"I think he never had a chance in the Supreme Court, and his claiming otherwise was just blowing smoke," said Richard Cohen, legal director for the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the groups that sued to have the monument removed.

The Supreme Court's action is not a ruling on the thorny ques-

tion of whether the Ten Commandments may be displayed in government buildings or in the public square. It merely reflects the high court's unwillingness to hear the appeal.

John Giles, president of the Christian Coalition of Alabama, said the court's decision will only strengthen the resolve of those who supported the monument. "With the denial of the Supreme Court, you will now see this wildfire hit the exponential curve in terms of involvement of people all across this country."

The Supreme Court recently

took on another divisive case about government and religion. Sometime next year, the justices will hear the case of a California atheist who objects to the phrase "one nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Constitution sets out no absolute divide between God and government, and Moore argued that his Ten Commandments display was in keeping with the religious vision of the nation's founders.

The First Amendment guarantees that government will not actively endorse religion in general or favor one faith over another. The same amendment

also guarantees an individual's right to worship as he pleases.

Two years ago, the high court divided bitterly over whether to hear another case testing whether a different Ten Commandments monument could be displayed outside a civic building.

The court opted at that time not to hear that case, but four justices nonetheless staked out a position on the issue.

The three most conservative justices said they found nothing wrong with display of that monument outside the building housing local courts and prosecutors, city leaders in Elkhart,

Ind. The setting reflected the cultural, historical and legal significance of the commandments, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for himself and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The monument "simply reflects the Ten Commandments' role in the development of our legal system," Rehnquist wrote for the three. He noted that "a carving of Moses holding the Ten Commandments, surrounded by representations of other historical legal figures, adorns the frieze on the south wall of our courtroom."

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further disciplinary action.

"We don't have a bad feeling towards the other organization," said Reighard. "The situation was just handled the way it was because the incident occurred to University property, and UPD had to get involved."

Allegedly the prank was committed by new members of one of the other IFC fraternities on campus. Those members have received sanctions and will be required to perform some form of community service. The extent of their punishment is not known to The Chanticleer at this time.

"The only thing that bothers our organization is that we were never formally apolo-

gized to or given a pat on the back for cleaning up the mess," said Reighard.

The incident at the Panhellenic House was only one incident. The wars have sometimes gone as far as causing damage to private property and apartments in retaliation at fraternity or sorority members that live off campus.

"This year a lot of damage was done with eggs, and unfortunately people in the community were affected by the wars," stated Radison. "People in the community who owned apartment complexes or houses that students rent were affected."

Radison received several phone calls that related to those issues. Those issues were resolved by holding fraternity and sorority members

responsible for cleaning up the mess.

There has been discussion among the greek community about regulating the wars through rules and regulations. "I think that there can be healthy competition. I don't think this is one of the ways, however," Radison said. "When it starts affecting others that are obviously not involved, it has gone too far."

Radison feels that some of the pranks are to the point now where it is "criminal mischief." Some organizations have prank time limits and guidelines, but others don't. There have been continuous pranks after Homecoming, so it is difficult to distinguish what is just "Homecoming Wars" and what is just miscreant behavior.

"Some students have asked

me that maybe next year we create guidelines, but I think that it might be good, but it also may hurt our community," said Radison. "Then we would be setting limits on what's fun and not fun."

Several greek presidents stated that the ultimate goal would be for organizations to develop their own guidelines as to what is appropriate for their organizations and what is not. "Students should use their own logic in determining what they think is appropriate," said Radison.

Overall, the JSU greek system has received a message this year from the numerous prank incidents gone bad: Have fun, but tone it down a level or two.

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chosen, because different companies may have different music specialties," Russell stated.

The SGA decided to try the survey approach because they want to provide a genre that represents a majority of the student body and

not just the tastes and likes of the SGA or the concert committee.

"We're trying to give everyone a voice, so everyone come out and fill out a survey," White said. Concert planning is well underway, and a tentative time frame right now is in early or mid-April.

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In Baghdad, Darley said the CH-47 helicopter belonged to the 12th Aviation Brigade, a Germany-based unit that supports the 82nd Airborne Division Task Force operat-

the 507th Maintenance Company, in which 11 soldiers were killed, nine were wounded and seven captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch. A total of 28 Americans around Iraq — including the casualties from the ambush — died on that day, the deadliest

one and injuring 15.

A day later, four coordinated suicide bombings in Baghdad killed three dozen people and wounded more

than 200. Daily attacks against U.S. forces have increased in the last three weeks from an average of the mid-20s to 33.



ports the U.S. Air Force Division Task Force operating west of Baghdad.

The two Chinooks were carrying a total of more than 50 passengers to the U.S. base at Baghdad International Airport, from which they were to fly out on leave, U.S. officials said. Darley said some of the casualties were from medical units, but officials did not provide a breakdown of their units.

A spokesman at Fort Carson, Colo., said the Chinooks were carrying soldiers from Fort Carson; Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Hood, Texas.

Lt. Col. Thomas Budzyna said some Fort Carson troops were among the injured but he did not know the units or bases of the other casualties.

"Many were looking forward to a break in the action," Budzyna said. "Unfortunately, they faced something else."

The Pentagon announced Friday it was expanding the rest and recreation leave program for troops in Iraq. As of Sunday, it said, the number of soldiers departing daily to the United States via a transit facility in neighboring Kuwait would be increased from 280 to 480.

Fallujah lies in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," a region north and west of Baghdad where most attacks on American forces have taken place. The downing and the soldier's death in Baghdad brought to at least 139 the number of American soldiers killed by hostile fire since President Bush declared an end to combat on May 1.

Around 377 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq.

The death toll Sunday surpasses one of the deadliest single attacks during the Iraq war: the March 23 ambush of

casualties from the ambush — died on that day, the deadliest for U.S. troops during the Iraq war.

Meanwhile, in Abu Ghraib on Baghdad's western edge, U.S. troops clashed with townspeople Sunday. Local Iraqis said U.S. troops arrived in the morning and ordered people to disperse from the marketplace. Someone then tossed a grenade at the Americans, who opened fire, witnesses said.

The newest deaths capped a week of extraordinary carnage in and around Baghdad. On Oct. 26, a rocket slammed into a hotel housing hundreds of coalition staffers, killing

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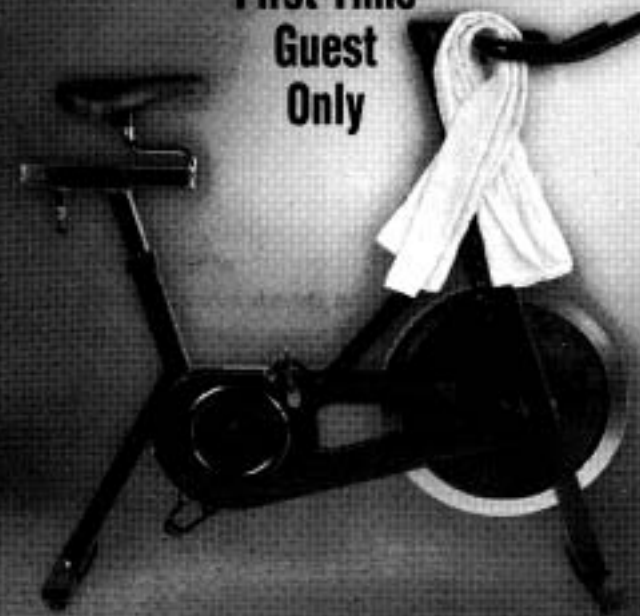
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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"Should the U.S.
pull its forces
out of Iraq?
Why or why not?"**

--Compiled by
Gary Lewis
Managing Editor



Shu Cunningham
Junior
Biology

*"No, I feel without the U.S.
presence, Iraq would be in a
state of chaos."*



Brandon D'Acquisto
Senior
Music education

*"F*** yes, because the people
in charge are f***ing this
to holy hell."*

There's nothing casual about casualties

One of my earliest childhood memories is of the day I asked my mom what a "casualty" was.

Every night, for as long as I could remember, I'd heard anchors on the evening news talk about casualties.

It was especially confusing for me, because I'd heard adults use the word "casual" often enough that I was beginning to understand what that word meant. I was certain that a casualty was someone who was casual. Or liked to do casual things. Or dressed casually.

But that didn't explain why Walter Cronkite and Harry Reasoner felt compelled to give daily updates about these casual people ... especially considering none of those people lived anywhere near me.

They all seemed to be in some place called "Vietnam."

I asked my mother where Vietnam was. She said it was in Asia. I asked her where Asia was. "Near Japan and China," she answered.

I knew about Japan and China. Sort of. At the time, I was still unclear about the two places being separate countries. Japan was a city in China. Or China was a city in Japan.

By Gary Lewis
*The Chanticleer
Managing Editor*



Something like that. But I knew about them, cause Japan was where Ultraman and the Science Patrol called home.

I was the world's biggest Ultraman fan when I was 4.

But even though Vietnam was apparently near Science Patrol headquarters, they never really mentioned the casual people on the TV show – and Shin Hayata certainly must've been a pretty casual guy, when he wasn't battling monsters in the guise of a giant silver robot.

It just didn't make sense. So finally, I asked my mom.

"Casualties are the soldiers that are hurt in the war," she answered.

That wasn't the answer I was expecting, but the next time the news came on, I paid attention. There were a lot of soldiers hurt that day. But the anchorman didn't say any of their names. They were just "casualties."

Suddenly, the word made sense. When you wanted to say that a lot of people were hurt, but you wanted to say it casual-

ly, you just called them casualties.

No names. No faces. Completely impersonal.

Much like casualty reports from Iraq the past few months.

When the Iraq war was young, we heard names. We saw faces. It was sometimes hard to watch, and critics argued that the networks were flirting with insensitivity by rushing to be the first to interview the grieving families.

But it brought home the reality of war. These were no nameless, faceless soldiers. The young men and women sacrificing themselves were our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends.

But as "major combat operations" came to an end, replaced by reports of random, cowardly terrorist attacks, the victims of these attacks were largely kept anonymous. "A soldier," the anchors would say, "was killed

today when a car bomb exploded in a Baghdad marketplace. In other news, Bennifer was spotted shopping on the Georgia coast!"

I'm not sure whose idea it was to marginalize the lives of our troops. But Sunday's deadly missile attack on a Chinook helicopter was a sharp slap in the face to a public that had seemingly grown indifferent.

The images are haunting. The bright, dimpled face of Pfc. Karina Lau, headed home to surprise her parents and celebrate her 21st birthday. The wife of Sgt. Ernest Bucklew, explaining to two sons, ages 8 and 4, why daddy, who was supposed to be coming home for grandma's funeral, would only

be coming home for his own funeral now.

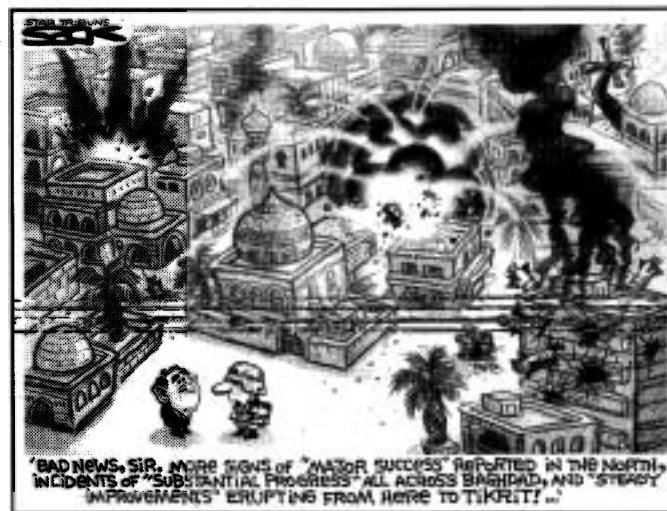
There were 15 such stories after Sunday's incident in Fallujah. Since the beginning of the war in March, there have been 376 and counting.

Winning the war was easy. Winning the peace has been far more difficult. Sending in more troops just gives the enemy more targets. Pulling the troops out too soon might plunge Iraq into chaos that will breed more terrorists and extremists. It's hard deciding exactly what we should be doing over there.

So little by little our resolve crumbles, and we'd rather just get our troops the hell out of harm's way. It's just what al Qaeda, the Baathists and a dozen other enemies of America want us to do.

I can think of no more egregious way to spit upon the memory of 376 lost American men and women than to give up the cause for which they gave their lives.

Saying "oops, nevermind" just won't do, no matter how casual you are.



Fewer students can afford skyrocketing costs of college

By Adolph L. Reed, Jr.
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Higher education ought to be a right, available to every student who makes the grade, without regard to that student's

Education. Some community college officials in California estimate an enrollment decline of about 200,000 students due to tuition fee increases.

These measures put an extra burden on the average family,

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance reports that by the end of this decade, as many as 4.4 million college-qualified high-school graduates will be unable to enroll in a four-year college,

because they sacrifice the time for their studies in order to work. Fifty-three percent of low-income freshmen who work more than 35 hours per week drop out and do not receive a degree. Contrast this

Carolina at Chapel Hill recently announced a plan to cover the full costs of an education for poor students without forcing them to take on loans. Students will have to work in state and federal work-study programs at



Cody Robinson
Freshman
Secondary education

"I would say no. Much of the war has died down, but the threat still remains, and our nation needs support."



Valentine Taku
Senior
Biology/pre-med

"I think the U.S. should not pull its forces out, but should continue the rebuilding process."



Josh Turner
Freshman
Biology/chemistry

"Definitely. I think that the Bush administration has done a horrible job. The invasion was based on multiple lies, and it's degraded the way the rest of the world looks at us."

without regard to that student's ability to pay. But it's increasingly a privilege for the rich – and an impossible burden for the poor.

There is a spiraling crisis of affordability in higher education today.

As almost every state reels from the effects of tax cuts, legislatures slash funding for higher education. Colleges respond with hefty tuition increases, reduced financial assistance and new fees.

According to the College Board, over the last decade, average tuition and fees at public four-year colleges increased 40 percent and private four-year tuition increased 33 percent.

Community colleges, the gateway to advanced studies for many, also increased charges. Tuition and fees rose in all but two states, with 10 states mandating increases of more than 10 percent, according to the National Center on Public Policy and Higher

burden on the average family, whose net worth has declined over the last two years for the first time in half a century.

Budget cuts and tuition increases ripple throughout the academic community. They result in more hiring freezes and early retirements among full-time faculty. Replacing them are poorly paid and overworked contingent instructors. Meanwhile, students have fewer courses to choose from, and their classes are overcrowded.

Many universities are retreating from their commitments to provide low-cost education for state residents, as they shift the balance of admissions more toward out-of-state applicants who pay substantially higher tuition.

State schools have traditionally been the ladders to good jobs for students from working and middle-class families. But that ladder is no longer standing.

In fact, the Congressional

enroll in a four-year college, and 2 million will not go to college at all because they can't afford it.

Financial aid is not picking up the slack. Three decades ago, Pell Grants helped guarantee access to public colleges for primarily low- and moderate-income students. Millions of Americans earned college degrees as a result. In 1975, the maximum Pell grant covered 84 percent of costs at a four-year public college. Now, the grant covers only 42 percent of costs at four-year public colleges and only 16 percent of costs at four-year private colleges.

As a result of an increasing reliance on loans, the majority of students (64 percent) graduate with an average debt of almost \$17,000. This is up significantly from \$8,200 in 1989.

Skyrocketing tuition and reliance on interest-carrying loans force some students to forgo college altogether, while others drop out or delay gradu-

receive a degree. Contrast this with low-income freshmen who work one to 14 hours per week. Only 20 percent of them do not receive a degree.

Higher education is a public good, and the public should insist on free access to the academy.

Fortunately, there's a campaign to push for such access.

Initiated by the Debs-Jones-Douglass Institute, a nonprofit educational organization based in Washington, the campaign calls for the federal government to pay all tuition and fees for all students attending two-year and four-year public colleges and universities.

This proposal isn't costly. The total bill for all students currently enrolled in public institutions is less than \$27 billion – a little more than 1 percent of current federal budgets, and less than one-third of Bush's \$87 billion request for Iraq and Afghanistan.

The idea is catching on. The University of North

federal work-study programs at a manageable 10 to 12 hours per week.

Free college education has a clear precedent. The GI Bill paid full tuition and fees, as well as a stipend, for nearly 8 million returning World War II veterans. That investment had a broadly positive effect on the economy and society as a whole. We've done it before. We can do it again. This time for everyone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recall Web site unfair to governor

Dear Editor:

After reading the article in your newspaper on Oct. 9, on the topic of recalling Gov. Bob Riley, I was infuriated not by the way it was written, rather, at the context of the Web site featured in the article.

My frustration is due to the suggestion that Riley is taking revenge on the children of this state by slashing funds for education and other programs. It is notable that our governor has grandchildren who do and/or will attend the same schools in which funding is being cut. To suggest that Riley is doing this as revenge for the failure of the passage of his tax proposal is ludi-

crous! I truly believe that Riley ... is now doing what was inevitable. His plan remains the best solution for the crisis our state faces.

I accept the verdict of the people in that matter, yet our problems will not simply disappear. It was widely known that if his plan failed, the repercussions would be severe. There is no money in the state fund due to past administrations, and we face a \$30 million deficit. Cutting funding is not popular, and although Riley doesn't run this state in a fashion that will be favorable to a second run for governor, he is now doing what *has* to be done.

Our governor is a bold and spirited one, of whom we should be justly proud. Gov. Davis of California was responsible, at least in part, for the \$800 million

deficit California now faces, because he had been governor of the state for nearly six years. Gov. Riley, however, is only responsible for wiping out hundreds of thousands of dollars of waste in our state's government.

The state does not face its problems today due to the actions of Riley. As the governor, he strives every day to make this state a better place for you and me to live.

I commend Gov. Riley on his courageous efforts and wish him Godspeed, as should we all.

Signed,
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Right, Kristal Pike portrays Catherine and Rachel Belk plays Claire in a recent production by JSU Drama called "Proof," a 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner by David Auburn.

Below, The cast of "Proof": Chris Morris (kneeling) as Hal, Kristal Pike (seated), Steve Whitton (standing) as the father, and Rachel Belk.

Photos courtesy
JSU Drama/Jan Rhodes



Proof

JSU Drama presents the
Pulitzer Prize-winning play
by David Auburn

Do you know Suomi?

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
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By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Where is the line between madness and genius? Perhaps the line is not even there – maybe we are all mad in one way or another. But are we all genius? Who is a genius and who is not? If you are a genius or if you are mad, does it even show?

JSU drama recently produced a play called "Proof" that had these questions in mind. This David Auburn play tells the story of a young woman, Catherine, who has taken care of her brilliant but mentally ill father, a famous mathematician. What

Catherine is faced with after the death of her father is her own emotions about him, but also the questions of love and relationships.

This play, which sold out on Broadway and won the Pulitzer Prize in 2001, is also being made as a film adaptation starring Anthony Hopkins and Gwyneth Paltrow. The lucky ones who got a chance to see it on stage

back porch in the small theatre, the audience could not help being drawn into the play.

When Catherine's father dies, she is left with 103 notebooks and a very enthusiastic former student of her father, Hal. Dealing with the death of her father and being related to a madman doesn't get any easier when Catherine's sister Claire arrives in town – a person Catherine almost feels she isn't even related to.

Nobody sees Catherine as she wants to be seen. Hal doesn't believe in her mathematical abilities, her sister doesn't appreciate her taking care of their father, and at the same time, Catherine is wondering what to do next. When there is craziness in the family, should she be concerned about talking to her father after he is dead?

There are a lot of issues – issues that the audience might not find beyond the basic script if it weren't for the outstanding performances by the cast, especially by Pike and Whitton. Even though the

When was the last time you were proud of something or someone? During the past week I have felt proud for many reasons – nothing really that I have done in particular, but about things that somehow are related to me.

Last weekend my sister called me just to let me know that Finland (known to Finns as Suomi), my home country, was ranked number one economically in the world – ahead of even the United States – by the World Economic Forum. When I heard this, it once again made me feel good to be from Finland.

When I first came to JSU, all I wanted was to get out of my country and see the world. I didn't find anything to be proud of about Finland, and rarely did I like talking about my country. Something changed during last Christmas though, and I realized that I should be proud of where I come from and what my country is today.

There are so many things people don't know about Finland, that little country between Sweden and Russia. For example, Nokia, the cell phone company, was born



JSU celebrates Native American Heritage Month with Pow Wow

By Holly Tucker
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

As a part of Native American Heritage Month, JSU's Multicultural Services is planning a Pow Wow celebration from Nov. 6-9. The events will take place on the Quad from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

"November is our Native American month," said David Zeigler, JSU director of Multicultural Services. "It is a cultural celebration of Native Americans and Alaskans, since Alaskans are considered Native Americans as well."

This is the first Native American Month Zeigler has seen celebrated at the University. "Many of the Native American students don't come out and participate in their own culture celebration, so we haven't done a lot for them at this university since I've been here," states Zeigler.

The idea for a Native American Month event came from participating students and their parents. "We agreed there needed to be a celebration here for Native American Month, because there are a lot of Native Americans in this area. We all came together to help organize this cultural event and decided the first thing we needed to do was

have a Pow Wow."

During the Pow Wow, some of the Native Americans will wear their cultural dress, including headdresses and other traditional types of clothing. There will be entertainment from Native American dancers and from drummers using authentic drums.

Vendors will be selling jewelry and crafts, and Native American food will be prepared at the celebration. "It is similar to Mexican food in that they fry bread to prepare taco-like entrées," said Zeigler.

"This is a cultural celebration, so we can learn more about Native American culture. America is filled with so many cultures, and unfortunately a lot of people don't know about the cultures of African-Americans, Hispanics or Native Americans. This is a chance for the community to ask question about the Native American culture and experience it firsthand," said Zeigler.

Some people's blindness to other ways of living is why Ziegler says, "Years ago Congress came up with these cultural celebrations for each month. They give everyone a chance to know about the many cultures that contribute to our United States being one

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'Sylvia' star Paltrow deals with pain

By Terry Lawson
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Ten years ago, Gwyneth Paltrow, barely 21, was thrilled to have been cast as part of the amazing ensemble of "Mrs. Parker and the Vicious Circle," Alan Rudolph's fine portrait of Dorothy Parker and her fellow writers, wits and bounders who held forth at the Algonquin Hotel bar's famous Round Table.

"I mostly remember being extremely nervous but happy to be just a small part of such a talented group myself," recalls the ever-polite Paltrow of a cast.

"At some point, during

Paltrow. The lucky ones who got a chance to see it on stage here at JSU could not have been disappointed.

The play, performed by Kristal Pike as Catherine, Steven Whitton as her father, Rachel Belk as Claire and Chris Morriss as Hal, was just what was expected and so much more. With a very intimate and dark setting of a

cast, especially by Pike and Whitton. Even though the title suggests that the play is only about the proof, a notebook that contains a mathematical solution to prime numbers, it really is about so much more.

As Catherine tells Hal and Claire that she is the one who

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girls' talk, Jennifer (Jason Leigh) said that I reminded her of Sylvia Plath, and said that someone was always talking about making a movie about her, and that if it ever happened, I should be the one to play her. And then Jane and Jennifer Beals sort of joined this campaign, and when filming was over, they gave me a copy of 'Ariel,' and they all signed it. The dog chewed the corners off, but I still have it, and the idea just stayed with me. Then along came this script, and it all seemed sort of ordained."

"This script," written by John Brownlow, addresses only eight of Plath's 31 years on

earth, beginning with the Massachusetts native's arrival in England to study on a Fulbright fellowship. There she met her husband, Ted Hughes, and in 1963 committed suicide at age 31, which the 31-year-old Paltrow calls "one more intriguing coincidence."

In those years, Hughes became a critically acclaimed poet, and Plath, who had attempted suicide before meeting Hughes, suffered recurring bouts of crippling depression, some triggered, she believed, by Hughes' infidelities. But Plath also saw the publication of her

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David Appleby/Focus Features via Contra Costa Times

Gwyneth Paltrow stars in Christine Jeffs' "Sylvia," a Focus Features release about poet Sylvia Plath, who killed herself at age 31. "Sylvia" was released on Oct. 17 in major cities.

between Sweden and Russia. For example, Nokia, the cell phone company everybody thinks is from Japan, is really from Finland. Yes, it is true — I'm not lying. There are about 5 million people living in Finland, and almost 4 million of them have cell phones, most of them Nokia phones.

Also many NHL players are Finnish, those Carnival Cruise ships are made in Helsinki (the capital) and "sauna" is a Finnish word for a place to go sweating. I am proud of all these things, and every opportunity I get, I will tell more to people interested in them.

Another thing happened last week. As I was watching the challenge between the Road Rules and the Real World on MTV (purely for research), I noticed one of the Road Rules players, Rachel I believe, was wearing our "Cocky" t-shirt. Seeing the shirt on TV made me feel proud to be a student at JSU, the place where that shirt came from.

There are so many good things that come from JSU, like the play "Proof" which was performed in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center last weekend. It was good because of the cast, and it made me feel proud of our drama department. The story wasn't that bad either, but what made it even better was the highly skilled acting I saw on the stage.

I love theatre, and I used to go a lot in Helsinki, back when I was still living there year round. I could have imagined seeing this play on the stage in Helsinki City Theatre, and that in my mind makes it as good as it can get.

There are so many extraordinary things that can make us proud of who we are and where we come from. It might come from sources that we don't always want to admit, but the feeling is still there. That feeling only proves that we are in the right place at the right time, and there is a reason why we are the way we are.

Stoopid News

KOCHVILLE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Paula Knights and James Poyer will have more than worn costumes and stale candy to remember this Halloween season by.

They'll have each other, and their nuptial nightmare. The couple was wed Thursday at Saginaw County's Wildwoods of Terror haunted forest to the sounds of cackling, tribal drumming and revving chainsaws.

Poyer, 34, had bolts jutting from his neck. Knights, 30, was a fitting bride of Frankenstein with her charcoal hair streaked white.

"We wanted something different and unique," Knights told The Saginaw News. "People can spend \$10,000 on getting married. You could buy a car for that price. We just wanted to have fun with it."

The Rev. Terry A. Shawl, his face streaked green with deep black eyes, said it was the first Halloween-themed ceremony he'd ever performed.

"I thought it was unusual," said Shawl, a Universal Life Church minister. "But everybody likes to do something special."

BERLIN, Conn. — You'll need to strip yourself of more than your inhibition and bare more than your soul if you want to take part in karaoke at the Berlin Station Cafe.

Cafe owner Marty St. Pierre says he was just kidding around when he advertised "Naked Karaoke" in front of his bar. Then he got volunteers. Lots of them.

"It honestly started out as a joke," he said. "But there were people signing up, so I just let it run." But not everyone warmed up to the idea.

The cafe's neighbors called Town Hall to complain, and town authorities went to warn St. Pierre he could face fines or arrest if he operated the naked musical performance without a permit required under a town ordinance.

NEW YORK — A man trying to fish out his cell phone from a commuter train toilet got his arm stuck, forcing the train to stop and causing delays throughout the rail system.

Thousands of commuters were delayed and several trains were rerouted while rescue workers tried to pull him out, a Metro-North Railroad spokesman said Thursday.

Edwin Gallart, 41, of the Bronx, dropped his cell phone in the toilet of his Mount Vernon-bound train shortly after it left Grand Central Terminal during rush hour on Wednesday, Metro-North spokesman Dan Brucker said.

The train was held at a station after a passenger heard Gallart's cries for help. When train workers failed to pry Gallart's arm free, police officers and firefighters were called in to use a blowtorch to break apart the stainless steel toilet.

SAN DIMAS, Calif. — Several parents recently have been wondering how come their children know so much about the cost of illegal drugs.

Blame it on a classroom project. Students at Lone Hill Middle School were assigned imaginary careers and salaries and told to

The Strokes

Room on Fire

★★★

Review by Nick Mackay
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The trouble with releasing one of the most acclaimed albums in years is that people always have huge expectations for the next album. Kurt Cobain knew this in 1993, and now, 10 years later, The Strokes know the feeling all too well.

Since bursting onto the scene as the leaders of the new rock revolution two years ago, the poster boys for downtown NYC cool have had to do a lot of growing up.

But no one in the band has felt more pressure than lead singer/chief songwriter Julian Casablancas. Recent interviews have presented Julian as a driven perfectionist, hiding behind the mask of boyish charm and lots of red wine and cigarettes.

But the truth is, he's nervous. Nervous because The Strokes are his band, and any success or failure from here on in will directly reflect on him and him alone.

The album opens with a line that could define the band's sudden rise to fame. "I want to be forgotten," Casablancas pleads as guitars plop and buzz around him in the questionable "What Ever Happened."

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first book of poetry, "The Colossus and Other Poems."

Plath also wrote a semiautobiographical novel titled "The Bell Jar" published in England under the pseudonym Victoria Lucas. When it and "Ariel" were posthumously published in the United States at the same



Courtesy RCA

Immediately the album echoes the feel of "Is This It," with Casablancas's voice as coarse as ever, the twin guitars of Albert Hammond Jr. and Nick Valensi playing a frolicking tune off each other and drummer Fabrizio Moretti sounding as if he's along for a very fun ride.

The band switched producers mid-album, ditching Radiohead fav Nigel Godrich for "Is This It?" knob-tweaker Raphael Gordon. In retrospect it is easy to see what Casablancas wanted to do in hiring Godrich; he wanted to get better as a band.

What he didn't realize is that The Strokes' jingly, rough-as-sandpaper sound is all their own, and reproducing that sound in an upscale, uptown studio is a lot harder than in the downtown shack that spat out their first album.

That's not to say there are no good points in "Room on Fire," because there are — and lots of them. Although the first half of the album lumbers, on vinyl, Side Two would be near flawless.

The first single from the album, titled "12:51," is a prototypical Strokes song. It's playful, razor-sharp and smoldering cool, plus it's got cool handclaps!

"Between Love and Hate" has been introduced as "Ze Newie" for the better part of a year, while "Meet Me in the Bathroom" is a pounding show-stopper and has been a staple of their live gigs for some time. Both songs deal with the problem of fame and newly acquired female attraction.

In "Between Love and Hate" the guitars and bass stare at each other from across the room, with cheeky lust in their eyes, until the drums introduce them in the chorus, and they dance the night away. Meanwhile, "Meet Me in the Bathroom" is dirty and sexy at the same time, just like the band's collective haircuts.

The album closes on a perfect note as well. "I Can't Win" speaks volumes about Casablancas and his frame of mind while writing the album. "Failure can be quite a breeze," he sings cheerfully; fully aware of the unavoidable backlash that comes with instant success.

The apathy of the lyrics — "Good try, we don't like it ... I can't win" — suggests Casablancas knows he won't feel like a success, even if the album does well, because that just means more expectations on the next effort. But expectation breeds ambition, and there are no more ambitious bands out there than The Strokes.

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nation."

North Alabama Cherokee Indians usually organize two pow wows a year. These pow wows inform the community not only of American Indian heritage, but also about the lives of local Cherokee Indian tribes.

"This is a big event for local schools. Kitty Stone Elementary will be bringing its second-grade class to the celebration on Thursday. I think it's great that these schools are going to get the chance to be exposed to the entertainment, because it's not all of the time you see something like this in this area," commented Zeigler.

About 59 Native Americans — and possibly more — are enrolled at JSU, but a lot of students don't claim their ancestry. Most students are unaware of the special scholarships that are given to Native Americans. Some scholarships are as much as \$2,500 just for proving one's heritage and applying. Students can find out about available scholarships through the Department of Commerce.

"These scholarships are a way to encourage the Native American people living on reservations to be educated. On a reservation there are no colleges, and in some cases the elementary schools and high schools they have are very low class and dilapidated," states Zeigler.

"This is the first celebration we have had, and I am sure it is going to turn out



School were assigned imaginary careers and salaries and told to figure out how much various drug habits would cost them.

"Samantha came home Wednesday and told us she's addicted to marijuana and has a \$300 drug habit," said one parent, Diana Mitchell. "My husband and I were both stunned."

Assistant Superintendent Mitch Hovey said the teacher of the seventh-grade math class was pushing an anti-drug message by teaching children about the negative costs of drug use.

"I believe in her heart the explanation was, 'Hey, kids, you can get off on the wrong path,'" Hovey told the Los Angeles Times.

"I certainly don't want my sixth-grader doing that. The temptations kids already have are bad enough," parent Laura Megginson said.

were posthumously published in the United States at the same time the feminist movement was taking hold, Plath was turned into an icon, if not a martyr to male repression.

"The Sylvia of some generation's collective imagination, or that romanticized figure, was not the Sylvia Plath I wanted to portray," says Paltrow. "I was far more interested in her struggle with her illness, her love for her husband, and her love of words. It's always harder to play a nonfictional character than a fictional one, because there is a responsibility to whatever facts can be determined.

"You have to wonder, if Sylvia had access to (antidepressants), would she have weathered the storm? Maybe, but would she have felt the intense pain inside those incredible poems? It's a mystery."

Paltrow has described the year prior to the "Sylvia" production as "the hardest of my life." It included a final break from an on-again-off-again relationship with an actor she later described as a "knucklehead," a number of what she now calls "questionable choices" that included the lowbrow comedies "Shallow Hal" and "View from the Top." Most sig-



A scene from the movie "Sylvia" starring Gwyneth Paltrow as Sylvia Plath and Daniel Craig as Ted Hughes.

nificantly, Paltrow had to cope with the unexpected death of her father, who succumbed to pneumonia after the recurrence of throat cancer.

"It's fair to say I channeled my grief into the work," says

"I don't know if you can really act that kind of pain. You have to be in touch with it somehow."

• Gwyneth Paltrow
"Sylvia"

Paltrow, obviously uncomfortable with the subject. Her father had flown to Rome to be part of his daughter's 30th birthday celebration on Sept. 27, 2002, and died there six days later. Two weeks later, Paltrow

reported to work on "Sylvia."

"I did feel an obligation, obviously, because I had been so directly involved with the project," she says. "If it had been another acting job, or a different kind of movie, I might not have done it. It was a tough time for me to be anywhere. But it did turn out to be cathartic, and everyone who worked on the film was wonderful to my mother and myself." (Actress Blythe Danner Paltrow's mother, plays Plath's mother in the film.)

"I was wringing myself out at work, so I would go home exhausted, too tired to think very much. But it was hard, especially when we had to do the death scene. It wasn't the suicide itself, which we don't show on-screen. The most harrowing part is knowing the details, the way she buttered the bread for the children and set it out before she taped up the door to the kitchen." (Plath killed herself by turning on the oven gas.)

"I don't know if you can really act that kind of pain," Paltrow says. "You have to be in touch with it somehow." Paltrow says she understands "Sylvia" will be a hard sell at the box office. Poetry, a troubled marriage and suicide are not what most people in Hollywood consider a cash-register combination.

"But people went to see 'The Hours,' and people went to see 'Ordinary People' so you really never know," says Paltrow. "All I know is that we made a movie I'm proud of and one that was respectful of the people involved."

tion we have had, and I am sure it is going to turn out good. From the entertainment to the vendors, I hope all the students here at JSU come out and enjoy the Pow Wow and are able to leave with a better understanding," Zeigler said.

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wrote the solution, Hal demands more proof in order to believe Catherine. He doesn't trust her, and to her that is what she ultimately wants, for somebody to trust and love her, without proof.

"It ends up not being simply about academic proof. It goes beyond the academics, beyond the intelligence. It goes into the heart," explained Susan McCain, the director and JSU drama professor.

The play tackles the issues many people face in everyday life. Yet it is not just a dramatic act, but it also makes you laugh with its jokes about math geeks and hair products. The audience can laugh, cry, think and wonder all at the same time, in the end feeling like they have just witnessed something that was not just well acted, but also featured real in-depth soul searching.

"Little darling,/ it's been a long cold lonely winter./ Little darling,/ it feels like years since it's been here./ Here comes the sun,/ here comes the sun,/ and I say: It's all right." So goes the background music by George Harrison, and even the music adds to the themes of the play. In the end it will be all right. The line between the mad and genius is a thin line, but nevertheless it is there.

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2. Campfire Girls - Tell Them Hi
3. Outkast - Speakerboxxx/The Love Below
4. Weakerthans - Reconstruction Site
5. Working Title - Everyone Here Is Wrong [EP]
6. A Perfect Circle - Thirteenth Step
7. Teenage Fanclub - 4766 Seconds: A Short Cut to Teenage Fanclub
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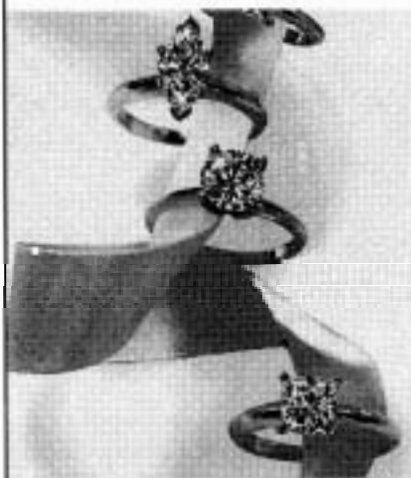
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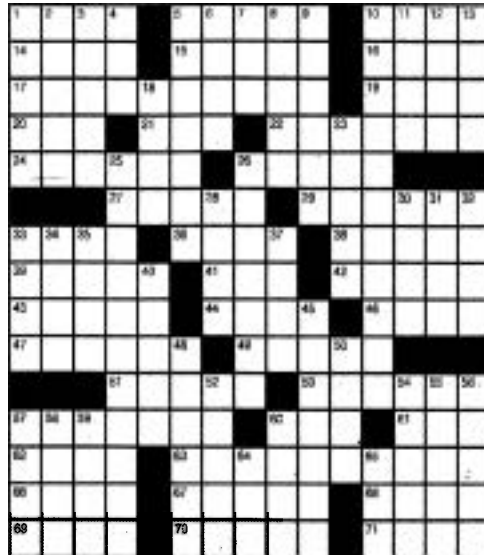
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- 22 Abuja's land
- 24 Whitecaps
- 26 Small landmass
- 27 "The Jungle" writer Sinclair
- 29 Mystery
- 33 Profound
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- 41 In addition
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- 43 Vigilant
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- 61 Neath's opposite
- 62 Appearance
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Beating Around the Bush

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Horoscopes

STWscopes

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Weekly horoscope Nov. 10-16, 2003

Aries (March 21-April 20). Early this week, long-term relationships begin a vital phase of discussion. Areas of concern are family planning, home budgets and property decisions. Stay alert and expect probing questions. After midweek, work routines may be suddenly abandoned. Pay attention to recent proposals from new colleagues or silent officials. Short-term ideas, although flawed, will likely be adopted. Avoid offering strong opinions. At present, public relations and group relations are unreliable.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Loved ones may provide unique invitations or flirtations. Monday through Thursday expect a wave of sentimentality, quiet reflection and romantic seduction. Passionate attachments will intensify in the coming weeks. A sincere response will establish new emotional rules. After Thursday, several days of financial speculation begin. Older colleagues or relatives will ask for detailed records. New budgets and revised expectations will take precedence.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Family discussions may reveal the hidden doubts of loved ones. Close friends and relatives may explain deep feelings of isolation, mistrust or abandonment. Areas affected are parent/child relations, low

confidence or unrealistic home expectations. Offer honest opinions and expect candid responses. Over the next 17 days, long-term commitments will need to be permanently decided. Late Saturday, an invitation may be canceled. Ask for explanations.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Someone close may question the actions of a friend. Ethical triangles, workplace intrigue or the motivations of new acquaintances may be at issue. Refuse to be influenced or derailed. At present, new relationships need extra time to fully develop. After Thursday, physical energy may be low. Some Cancerians will experience a wave of romantic insight. Dreams, hunches and quick social announcements are accented. Stay balanced.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Long-term property or family decisions may require attention. Before midweek, complicated financial proposals will need to be clarified. Although controversial, signed documents will work to your advantage. Expect new permissions and quickly revised schedules. Later this week, friends and relatives may rely heavily on your advice. Romantic disagreements, minor jealousies and rare social triangles are highlighted. Passions will be high. Don't avoid difficult choices.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Several weeks of lost social ambition or misinformation will soon fade. Late

Tuesday, expect renewed commitments from friends and lovers. Loved ones will no longer feel restricted by yesterday's obligations. Remain alert, however, and study daily promises. Over the next 3 three weeks, social roles will change. After Friday, younger relatives or friends ask for detailed explanations of group events. Stay alert. Complex decisions or romantic ethics may be key concerns.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Romantic partners will end a brief but intense phase of inward though or self-examination. Areas affected are family discussions, financial improvement or business proposals. Home security and emotional freedom are on the rise. Expect increasing optimism. After midweek, business promises or job offers may be suddenly reversed. Over the next few weeks, authority figures will be unreliable and poorly informed. Avoid bold suggestions or unnecessary risk.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Team accomplishments and new projects will captivate the attention of key officials. Late Tuesday, expect complex instructions, revised agendas and fast exchanges. Research, news, communication systems or technical services are accented. Stay alert and expect younger colleagues to knowingly provide misinformation. After Thursday, a lover or long-term friend may ask for special favors. Living arrangements, home differences or relocation may be

at issue.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Private business discussions work in your favor. After Monday, expect older colleagues or previously silent officials to reveal new sources of information. Respond by offering your time, expertise and support. Rare opportunities, revised partnerships and long-term planning will soon provide tangible rewards. Later this week, sensuality and physical attraction are highlighted. Potential lovers will request concrete decisions. Don't disappoint.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Insightful thoughts or sudden flashes of wisdom are highlighted over the next few days. Many Capricorns will experience a compelling phase of social awareness and renewed family commitment. Don't hold back. Recent disputes concerning trust or group loyalty will soon be resolved. Thursday through Saturday also accent fast financial changes and workplace improvements. Stay focused. Key officials will soon announce controversial promotions.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Money ventures are unreliable over the next nine days. After Monday, friends, close colleagues or relatives may reveal unusual business ideas, home proposals or complex expenses. Remain cautious, however, and wait for added clarity. Facts, projected figures or calculations will soon require careful scrutiny. Friday through Sunday, long-term friends

and romantic partners ask for extra attention. Quick promises and new levels of commitment are needed. Remain open.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Over the next six days, some Pisceans may be confronted with bold or unexpected opinions. If so, watch for loved ones to challenge recent family decisions. Someone close may be feeling misunderstood. Carefully address all social doubts or ongoing privacy concerns. Later this week, a powerful wave of career ambition and business insight is due to arrive. Thoroughly plan long-term and short-term strategies. Friends and relatives will soon demand detailed explanations.

If your birthday is this week ... Check legal records carefully for misinformation or mistaken amounts. Over the next 14 weeks, signed documents, written proposals and financial agreements will prove temporarily unreliable. A determined attitude will ensure success. Let others witness your ongoing resolve. After mid-March, a new era of sensuality and romance arrives. Recently stalled relationships will soon experience a powerful wave of rekindled affection. By late June, past love affairs will quickly be re-established as permanent. Expect minor family differences throughout the summer months, however. Loved ones may challenge your short-term ideals and shared romantic expectations.

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**I keep going
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By
J. Wilson Guthrie
*The Chanticleer
Sports Editor*



Hello again, all you Gamecock faithful. Here we are more than halfway through the season and ... guess what? We have a winning record. And you know what's even better than that? We are ranked No. 1 in the conference.

There is even a possibility of us going to the postseason. So what the heck is going on? I love this school, but we haven't really done well since the 1992 Championship.

We haven't been able to string together wins like a championship team does. This year we have.

We haven't been able to play consistent football. Now we are playing consistent football. We have a winning streak that is longer than one game, and we have a true shot at going two or three weeks deep in the playoffs.

But we have someone in our way. Called the New Troy, Samford is playing some good football. They lost to State, whom we demolished, but the difference is the emotions connected to the game.

There is nothing better than college football rivalries. These are rivalries that can

No surprises in OVC for this week

By **Mike Vaughan II**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Just because the Gamecocks had a bye week doesn't mean that they were safe in first, as the other eight Ohio Valley Conference teams all played each other. JSU would maintain that lead, but the gap to second narrowed after some highly entertaining games.

Tennessee State 24, Eastern Illinois 14

The Tigers won their homecoming and tied JSU for first place following the 24-14 victory over the Panthers. A 14-9 halftime deficit was overcome on the back of RB Charles Anthony, who ran for 125 yards and now leads the OVC with 1,170 yards on the year. Tennessee State improves to 6-3 and 4-1 in the OVC, while pre-season second-place Eastern Illinois continues its painful season, falling to 3-6

and 2-3 in the OVC.

Eastern Kentucky 38, Murray State 20

Another pair of teams with preseason title aspirations met in the Disappointment Bowl, as the Colonels downed the Racers, 38-20. Eastern took a 24-6 lead in the third quarter but let Murray State back in after 14 points were scored by the Racers in a 65-second span. Two late interceptions kept the Racers from overcoming the gap, as EKU QB Matt Guice finished 13-of-22 for 225 yards, and three scores. EKU had two runners top the century mark, as EKU's Terry Ennis and CJ Hudson had 123 and 113 rush yards, respectively.

Samford 42, Tennessee Tech 24

The Golden Eagles continued their despair against teams from Alabama, as Samford's Ray Nelson hit for 313 pass

yards in the Bulldogs' 42-24 win. Samford improved to 6-3 and 4-2 in the conference, placing them only a half-game out of first place. Tech, who lost to JSU last week, dropped its fourth straight and rests at 2-6 overall, 1-4 in the OVC. Nelson ended up 24-of-36 with two touchdowns. Tech's quarterback, Jerry Bailey, only managed to go 9-for-23 and 146 yards, also throwing an interception.

Southeast Missouri 20, Tennessee-Martin 7

Southeast Missouri, the pre-season pick to win the conference, continued its uphill climb to respectability with a 20-7 win over UT-Martin on Saturday. SEMO jumped out with 10 quick first-half points and managed to make it stick with good team defense. They were outgained by Tennessee-Martin, 364-333, marking the first time in several years that

the Skyhawks outgained a conference opponent, but it wasn't good enough. Andrew Goodenough was just that for the Indians, as he hit on 19-of-29 passes for 180 yards, but one was a key passing touchdown. Skyhawk QB Brady Wahlberg completed 21-of-40 passes for 241 yards and a late 58-yard touchdown pass to Taurean Stevens, but it was too little, too late.

Standings

The Ohio Valley Conference standings would completely surprise an outsider. The two league newcomers, JSU and Samford, are first and third, respectively. JSU and Tennessee State are tied at 4-1, Samford follows a half-game back at 4-2. A game back finds a fourth-place tie between Eastern Kentucky and Southeast Missouri State. Eastern Illinois occupies sixth place at 2-3. Seventh spot

hosts Murray State at 2-4, while basement dwellers Tennessee Tech and UT-Martin have only a win each.

Upcoming Games

Jacksonville State returns to action this week as they travel to Samford for the game of the week. Samford leads the series 22-11-2. Kickoff in Birmingham is set for 1 p.m. Elsewhere, Tennessee Tech travels to Eastern Illinois, where EIU leads the series 6-3. Southeast Missouri can help JSU with a home win over Tennessee State, but with the series tied at 6-6, anything could happen. At noon, Tennessee-Martin goes to Roy Kidd Stadium to play Eastern Kentucky. The Skyhawks are in search of their first-ever win against the Colonels, as the two schools have played 14 times on the gridiron, with Eastern Kentucky winning all 14.

Soccer finishes OVC No. 3

Gamecocks defeat Tech 2-0 in opening round of OVC tourney

By **Mike Vaughan II**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The regular season has come and gone for the Jacksonville State soccer team. It was more successful than many expected as JSU

only real difference happened at the 80:36 mark, when Allison Stone took a header from Marian Wagner and shot it past Stephens for the lone goal of the game. The goal was Stone's third. Stephens ended up with two

Milne with 26, Balint with 23 and Hendricks with 23 attempts. Senior Christina Simpson led in shot percentage, as she hit 33.3 percent of her attempts, Fleeger followed with 25 percent hit, Guajardo hit 18.2 percent

Crowe wants 'November football' attitude

By **J. Wilson Guthrie**
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Jack Crowe, JSU's head football coach, has a three-game winning streak and a good rest week. So why would he change anything?

The Samford Bulldogs are why.

Although seemingly headed for the playoffs for the first

college football rivalries. These are rivalries that can split a family, a conference, a household and even a bedroom for weeks.

And you know what? I want a new Troy. I want to see the face painting, students so belligerent and drunk that they can't stand up, but they can sure as hell lean on that retaining wall or bars before you get to the other team.

Fans who wore Whup Troy shirts 313 days out of the year (there are 52 Sundays out there). Fans who would rather see JSU kick the crap out of Troy than win any other game of the year.

I miss that. I want someone to hate just because they are from another school. And why not? That's a healthy form of aggression right? I think so.

So on to this week's game.

Samford's wideouts are amazing. The Bulldogs will have 250 yards passing. But can they put it in the end zone?

"We will have 300-350 yards rushing. Will we put it in the goal?"

Who knows? I am tempted not even to call this one. Once again, I have a gut feeling. My gut feeling is that we are going to go to Samford and choke. Who knows?

My head is also telling me that we have a very stable offensive structure, and they are very reliant on the passing game.

So now, now, now, what to do? I really don't know.

JSU must exploit Maurice Mullins as a back. Granted the kid has a rocket-propelled grenade launcher for an arm, but I think that past the 30-yard mark he lacks accuracy. Look for over the middle dumps and please, please RUN THE OPTION.

For Samford, they must stop Mullins from using the option and confine Chapman's running lanes. If he ever gets in front of the play, no one can stop him.

35-10, JSU.

team. It was more successful than many expected as JSU clinched the third seed in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament following a 1-0 loss at Samford on Halloween. The loss is the first ever in OVC play for JSU and drops them to 10-4-4 on the year, with a 4-1-3 OVC record.

The game started very slowly, as both teams knew they had a lot to play for. Each team attempted only two shots as the half ended scoreless. JSU goalie Amanda Stephens had one save, and SU goalie Crystal Royall saved both shots against her. Both teams attempted an unsuccessful corner kick in the first half, and JSU recorded five fouls to the Bulldogs' four.

The second half was nowhere near as slow as the first, as both teams realized they needed a win instead of a tie, so shots were plentiful. Samford shot eight while the Gamecocks tried five. The

the goal was Stone's third. Stephens ended up with two saves on the game, and Royall saved four shots to record the shutout. For the game, Joanna McCaughey attempted three shots, two on goal. Liz Hendricks tried two, one of which was on goal. Breanne Milne and Tiffanie Stewart each tried one shot apiece.

A highly successful regular season has now ended for the Jacksonville State soccer team, and the final stats reflect that. The team leader in goals is freshman Tiffanie Stewart, with five goals. Joanna McCaughey had four goals on the year, and two goals were scored by Ashley Smith, Christina Balint, Dausha Hudak, Felicia Guajardo and defender Kristen Fleeger. Liz Hendricks led the team in assists with three, while Stewart, Smith, Hudak and Fleeger had two each. Overall shot leaders were Stewart with 46, McCaughey with 44, Smith with 31,

Guajardo hit 18.2 percent and Kendra Bishoff hit 11.1 percent. The Gamecocks were led in game-winners by Tiffanie Stewart, who had three, while Felicia Guajardo had two late-season game-winners to finish second.

The 2003 OVC Tournament must go through both new members, as Jacksonville State hosts a playoff game, and fellow newcomer Samford hosts the Final Four as the top seed. The top half of the bracket sees the No. 1-seeded Bulldogs get the bye and face the winner of the No. 5 Southeast Missouri against No. 4 Tennessee-Martin game.

The bottom half features the No. 2 seed, Eastern Illinois, as they get the coveted bye. They will play No. 3 Jacksonville State, who defeated No. 6 Tennessee Tech 2-0 Tuesday. JSU tied Eastern Illinois on the road earlier this season.

Volleyball splits with Morehead and Eastern Kentucky; still trying to improve

By Mike Vaughan II

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State volleyball team hit the road looking to improve on its fifth place situation this week, facing two teams ranked ahead of them in Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. The women accomplished a 1-1 split, losing to Morehead State, 3-1, but taking out Eastern Kentucky, 3-1.

Halloween saw JSU travel to Morehead to face the Golden Eagles. The Eagles were more concerned with tricks rather than treats for the visitors, as they beat JSU in four, by scores of 26-30, 30-25, 30-21 and 30-17. The loss dropped JSU to 16-8 and 6-5 in the OVC, while the victory propelled Morehead to 16-9 overall, and 9-2 in the OVC, good enough for second place. The win also extended Morehead's home win streak to 15 matches.

A 7-7 tie in game one led to a 6-2 Eagles run. JSU would fight back, however, and take a quick 17-16 lead,

before the game re-tied at 22-22. JSU scored three of the next four to take the game 30-26. JSU took a 11-6 punch to the gut in game two, as they lost that match, 30-25. No one established dominance early in game three, but again, Morehead took the adrenaline from the home crowd and pulled away late for the seemingly easy 30-21 win. MSU came out determined in the fourth game, as a 27-12 lead turned into a match-clinching 30-17 win, as the Eagles coasted home.

Jacksonville State out-blocked the home team, 9-7, 5, but the usual Gamecock strength, service aces, did them in as they only had two aces to the Eagles' 13. Suzi Terrell and Shari Weyer each had 15 kills, while Christina Cary had 14. Weyer had six blocks. Kisha West and Jessica Starck had 14 digs each, and Emily Withers had 49 assists.

Richmond was the last stop on the four-game road trip for the Gamecocks, as they faced Eastern Kentucky, who came into the game in third. JSU seemed to be fired up after the loss the previous day, as they took the match in four games, 25-30, 30-27, 30-28

The Samford Bulldogs are why.

Although seemingly headed for the playoffs for the first time since the 1992 National Championship, Crowe knows he still has three big obstacles in his way, the first being Samford.

"Samford, I think, is the best coached football team at this point in time in this league," said Crowe. "I think that they have gotten more done with their players than any other coaching staff in the league."

And after a loss to Tennessee State, Samford has rebounded nicely. They had a big win over Tennessee Tech this weekend, and their quarterback, Ray Nelson, was 24-of-36 for 313 yards.

"We will be challenging our pass coverage and our pass offense to step it up to complement the strengths we have shown in stopping the run and running the ball."

And as far as JSU's hopes for an extended season, things are totally up to them. Right now, JSU controls their own destiny – if they win out, they will be OVC champions and get a bid to the playoffs.

"We are hopefully trying to create a November mentality," said Crowe. "We want to be in a championship, playoff-type routine."

And Crowe has changed a little to create that air around the team.

"Because of the work that we have done earlier in the year, we are now able to spend less time on the field," said Crowe. "The demand for execution is going up, but there is also the idea we have to keep our bullets in our revolver instead of using them up in practice."

Crowe knows that this is a risky move to take late in the season, but he has a lot of confidence in his team.

"This team has proven to be a mature team in its leadership," said Crowe. "I think (the move) is the one that will give us the best long-term results."

Crowe also stressed that Jacksonville must be ready to play every time they play.

"That is what I call mental football," said Crowe. "It's not thinking about the game before, it's thinking who can bring their best game this week when something is on the line."

The Gamecocks begin the last three games of the regular schedule Saturday, traveling to Samford for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

and 30-24. JSU hit an incredible .324 for the match to the Colonels' .185. They had 72 assists to the Colonels' 41, but the aces again failed the Gamecocks, as Starck recorded the only JSU ace, and the Colonels countered with seven. Seven was also the number of solo blocks by ECU, while JSU only had two.

Christina Cary led the way with 22 kills, Starck had 16, Terrell had 14, and Weyer recorded 12. Christina Cary also hit at a 50 percent clip. Emily Withers had a season-high 63 assists, and Starck finished off her double-double with 12 digs. Kisha West and Jennifer Brenneman had seven digs each.

JSU is around the league leaders in many categories. They are second in overall hitting percentage, second in opponents' hit percentage, fourth in assists and third in kills. They lead the conference in aces, as they are the only team with more than 200, at 207. Individually, Christina Cary leads the conference in hit percentage with 37.6 percent, followed in third by Shari Weyer with 35.6 percent. Emily Withers is 10th in assists overall, with 6.4 per game.

Trick or Treat with JSU

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Halloween at Jacksonville State marked the beginning of the 2003 preseason for the women's basketball team. The Gamecocks hosted the Houston Elite Action ball club, a group of former basketball players who are trying to find a spot in either the WNBA or any other pro league. The Gamecocks only had 10 days to prepare for the game, and sloppy play and the opponent's experience were evident in a 76-64 JSU loss in front of 279.

On the game, Shanika Freeman ended up with a double-double as she scored 21 and grabbed 18 rebounds. Cobie Carlisle scored 12 points and recorded seven boards. Newcomer Nina Bliss scored nine in 14 minutes. Heathar Shepard led the team with six assists, and her three steals tied with Carlisle for the team high. The JSU bench outscored the starters by a 34-30 clip.

JSU kept the game close in the first half, as a Shepard 3-pointer cut the deficit to 11-9, but the Elite scored the next eight as JSU started to foul with regularity. For five minutes of the half, the Gamecocks and Elite traded baskets, keeping the game close, and a 31-22 score turned into a 38-26 Houston lead at the half.

The half ended with the Gamecocks hitting only 9-of-32 shots attempted, and only 2-of-9 outside the 3. Houston however, hit 14-of-32 for a 43.8 percent mark. JSU was led by Freeman with six points, while Carlisle, Tashia Holston and Nina Bliss all scored four points.

The second half started as well as it could for the Gamecocks, as JSU hit their first three shots, all by Freeman, to cut the lead to four in only 90 seconds of the half. Houston hit a streak of their own to build a 49-36 lead, only to see the Gamecocks go on a 13-5 sprint to cut the lead at the 8:03 point to 54-51. Again, a five-minute stretch of six to eight-point swings ensued before sloppy play and fouls led to free throws by Houston. The final 76-64 spread was not as indicative of the progress the Gamecocks have made.

"We did some good things and some bad things, but that's what an exhibition is for," said new head coach Dave Dagostino. "We played a lot of girls, and I've been happy with the young kids, but I tried to get everyone a lot of minutes."

Jacksonville State hosts a scrimmage against West Georgia on Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. It is open to anyone who would like to attend.

JSU's Shanika Freeman garners preseason All-OVC honors

From staff reports

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Jacksonville State's Shanika Freeman has been named to the Preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference second team, the league office announced Tuesday at the men's and women's basketball media day. The women's basketball coaches and sports information directors throughout the conference select the preseason teams and the predicted order of finish.

"I am glad that the OVC has recognized the success that Shanika has had," said JSU head coach Dave Dagostino of the 2002-03 Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year. "The people that voted on the preseason team are familiar with the OVC, of course, and they don't know as much about us or Shanika. That uncertainty is fine with us."

Freeman averaged 21.7 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

Four players that received either first or second-team All-OVC honors last season were selected to the Preseason All-OVC squad. Austin Peay's Gerlonda Hardin was selected as the OVC Preseason Player of the Year, as she led the league in blocked shots (57), averaging 1.84 per game.

Southeast Missouri is the favorite to win the 2003-04 OVC Title, with 188 points. Defending league champion Austin Peay is picked second, only six points behind SEMO.



JSU Sports Standings



Soccer

	OVC					OVERALL			
	W-L-T	PCT.	PTS.	GF	GA	W-L-T	PCT.	GF	GA
Samford	7-1-0	.875	20	17	7	2-4-3	.710	30	14
Eastern Illinois	6-0-2	.875	20	24	7	10-5-4	.631	48	25
Jacksonville State	4-1-3	.687	15	7	2	10-4-4	.667	22	15
UT-Martin	4-2-2	.625	14	17	10	9-6-3	.583	43	24
Southeast Missouri	4-3-1	.562	13	10	7	9-5-4	.611	23	19
Tennessee Tech	3-5-0	.375	9	16	11	9-10-0	.473	40	28
Murray State	3-5-0	.375	9	13	22	6-10-3	.395	29	43
Austin Peay	1-7-0	.125	3	6	23	5-13-1	.289	25	42
Morehead St.	0-8-0	.000	0	2	24	2-13-1	.156	14	53

Volleyball

	W-L	PCT.	Stk.	W-L	PCT.	Stk.
Murray State	11-1	.917	W3	17-5	.773	W3
Morehead State	10-2	.833	W4	17-9	.654	W2
Eastern Kentucky	8-4	.667	L1	17-10	.630	L1
Southeast Missouri	8-4	.667	W4	9-16	.360	W4
Jacksonville State	7-5	.583	W1	17-8	.680	W1
Austin Peay	7-5	.583	L1	12-13	.480	L1
Tennessee Tech	5-7	.417	W1	10-15	.400	W1
Eastern Illinois	5-7	.417	W1	8-19	.296	W1
Samford	3-9	.250	L2	9-16	.360	L2
UT-Martin	2-10	.182	L6	4-24	.143	L7
Tennessee State	0-12	.000	L12	6-21	.222	L4

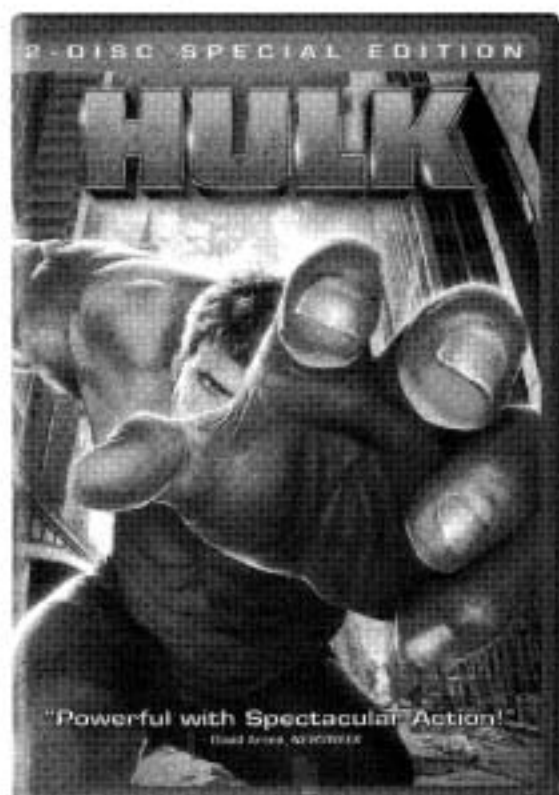
Football

	OVC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA	Stk.
Jacksonville State	4-1	171	88	5-3	202	160	W3
Tennessee State	4-1	128	105	6-3	240	180	W2
Samford	4-2	209	125	6-3	301	213	W1
Eastern Kentucky	3-2	144	120	4-5	236	268	W1
Southeast Missouri	3-2	146	130	3-6	169	213	W1
Eastern Illinois	2-3	87	124	3-6	135	205	L1
Murray State	2-4	117	190	3-7	174	276	L1
Tennessee Tech	1-4	139	160	2-6	201	252	L4
UT-Martin	1-5	105	204	2-8	139	357	L4

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D Chi surprises the Sigma's as Alpha Xi Delta takes AOPi

By Amado Ortiz
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Romans

The 1st round of the Men's Conference saw No. 2 Blast defeat No. 3 TANK by a score of 7-0, and No. 2 Locust Fork defeat No. 3 Da Dynasty by a score of 20-14. Blast then had to play the two-time defending champion T-Dawgs in the second round of the playoffs.

The Blast were defeated 32-13. The L.F. win sent them to the second round game versus the No. 1-seed Untouchables. However, The Untouchables were without starting QB Matt Blanton, and couldn't get the ball rolling on offense. L.F. quarterback Randy Cater threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more as Locust Fork defeated The Untouchables, 32-13. That would set up a rematch with the T-Dawgs for the Men's Conference Championship for the third consecutive year.

The game was all tied at 6-6 at halftime. The second half was a battle when Locust Fork went up 13-6 on a pass by Randy Cater to Derrick "Huck" Camp. T-Dawgs started to drive the ball before Matt "Fuzz" Howard intercepted a pass and ran it back 72 yards to put Locust Fork up 19-6.

The very next play T-Dawgs' QB Dustin Starkey threw an interception to Jared Freeman that killed another drive. With two minutes on the clock the T-Dawgs ran for

back to the 12-yard line. The T-Dawgs scored and converted the PAT and held on to win 26-19.

Greek Men

In the Fraternity Conference No. 2 Pi Kappa Phi went in as the favorite against No. 3 Delta Chi but the big question was whether Pi Kapp could beat DX three times. Pi Kapp had depended on their defense all year but couldn't get things going in the first half. Meanwhile, DX QB Brandon Roberts threw for two touchdown passes in the first half, and the Delta Chi defense held Pi Kappa Phi to 0 points in the first half. Pi Kapp finally got on the board in the second half, and tried to gain some momentum. However, an inverted whistle by a referee seemed to take the wind out of Pi Kapp's sail, and momentum was crushed when Delta Chi scored on their next offensive series, making the final score 19-7.

Greek Ladies

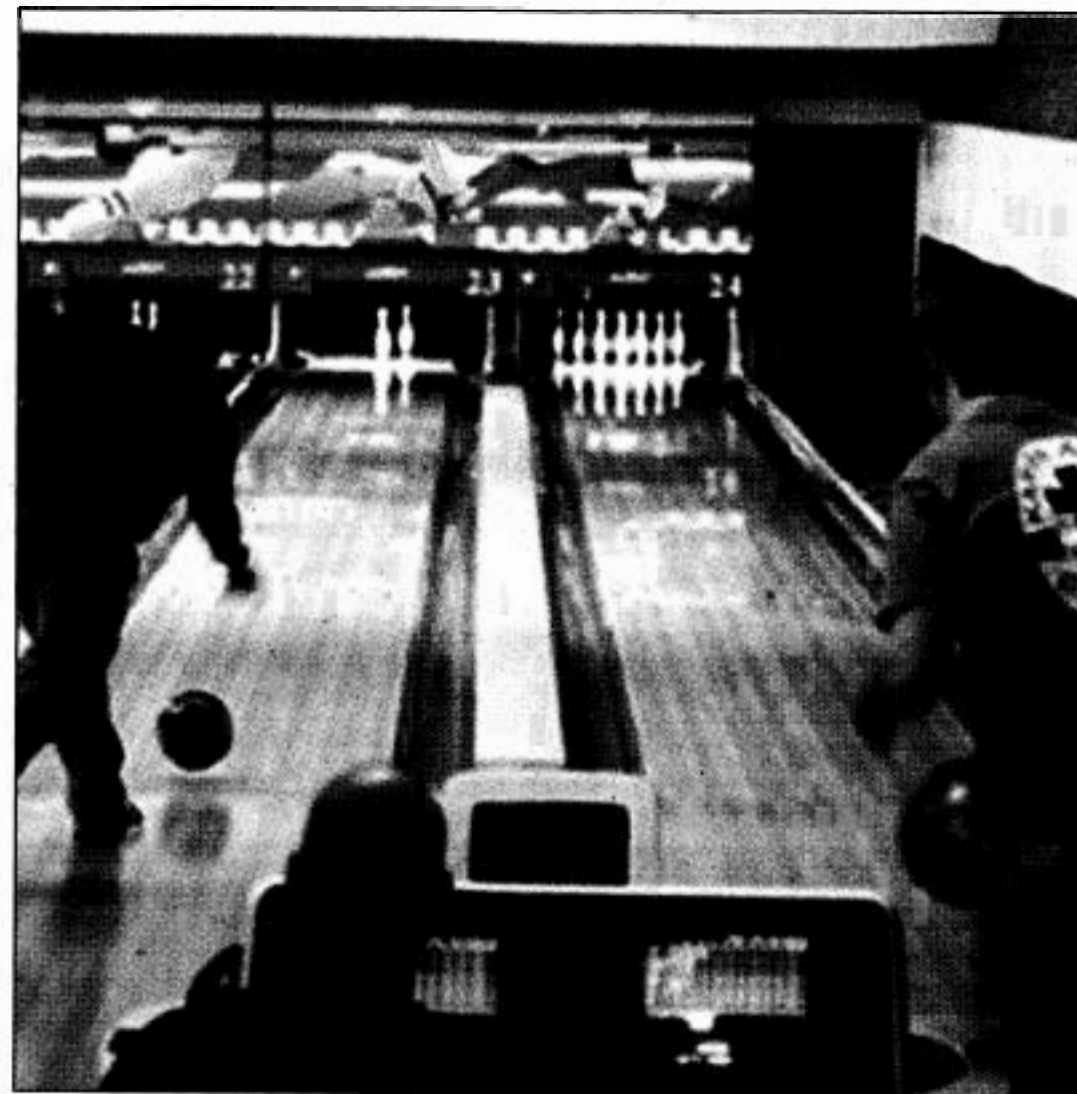
In the sorority semifinal ZTA came out at the very beginning and appeared to be in control of the game. It was very tough for Alpha Xi Delta to stop Katie Nelson, Stacie Cross and Stephanie Deese as all three converted great plays. ZTA got on the board first when QB Stephanie Deese made a toss to Katie Nelson who ran it in for the score. The PAT was good, and ZTA led, 7-0. The very

was flagged for pass interference, which put the ball at the 8-yard line for ZTA, but ZTA was unable to capitalize. Alpha Xi later scored again when Amy Walker hit Ashley Scott for another six points, making the final score 12-7.

Greek Finals

The Fraternity Championship saw an upset as No. 3 Delta Chi defeated No. 1 Phi Beta Sigma by a score of 39-18. Delta Chi scored on their opening drive and never seemed to let up the whole game. Delta Chi used a little no-huddle offense and play-calling at the line of scrimmage to keep Phi Beta Sigma on their heels. Phi Beta Sigma seem to change almost everything that they had done to get them to the Championship Game last year and seemed to have a hangover from getting beaten by Sig Ep last week. Delta Chi really gelled at the right time, and their offense started to roll when Brandon began using his arm as much as his feet.

The Sorority Championship was a battle with three-time defending champion Alpha Omicron Pi versus Alpha Xi Delta. Alpha Xi jumped on AOPi at the very beginning of the game with Walker and Emily Randles making some big runs out of an option-I offense. Alpha Xi was also able to go downfield with Ashley Scott for big plays, forcing AOPi to spread their defense to the point where Alpha Xi had great running



Photos by J. Wilson Guthrie

into overtime, and appeared to have a lot of momentum, but the opportunity was erased when Ashley Scott deflagged Jessica Kidd just short of the goal line to save the victory. Alpha Xi Delta had beaten Alpha Omicron Pi by a score of 14-13.

The Men's Overall Championship saw Dustin Starkey and the T-Dawgs win their 3rd consecutive title with a 34-13 victory over Delta Chi, and the Women's Overall Championship saw Alpha Xi Delta dodge a bullet from BCM/Wesley

Above, David Chambers watches Trey Parrish and Joey Stewart both trying to pick up spares. Intramural Bowling is regarded by many of the participants as their favorite IM activity because of the atmosphere at the bowling alley.

Below, Sigma Nu Eric Wagner bowls to pick up a spare during the Intramural Bowling Tournament that was held over the past few weeks. Delta Chi won the tournament.



drive. With two minutes on the clock the T-Dawgs ran for 86 yards for a touchdown to cut the lead to 19-13. Two plays later, L.F. QB Randy Cater threw an interception to T-Dawg Lance Bennett who ran it back to the 18-yard line. Four downs later the T-Dawgs scored, but the PAT attempt failed, making the score 19-19. Randy Cater rolled to the right and threw another interception to T-Dawg Bennett who ran it

and ZTA led, 7-0. The very next series saw Alpha Xi QB Amy Walker complete a bomb to Ashley Scott for a touchdown which made the score 7-6 after the PAT failed. In the second half ZTA Stacie Cross scored on what appeared to be the go-ahead TD, but ZTA was flagged for an illegal block that brought the ball back. ZTA got another four downs to score after Alpha Xi Delta Amy Walker

defense to the point where Alpha Xi had great running lanes. The game got very exciting at the end. With Alpha Xi Delta holding a 14-7 lead with :03 on the clock, Courtney Goldenberg caught a Jessica Kidd pass at the 2-yard line, and then lunged into the end-zone as time expired to make the score 14-13. With the opportunity to tie the game with the PAT, AOPi would send the game

Alpha Xi Delta dodge a bullet from BCM/Wesley Foundation by a score of 7-6.

Good Luck to the Women's Team and Men's Team who will go to Samford to play two teams from SU. The games will begin at 10 a.m. at Samford's IM Field. Zeta Tau Alpha and T-Dawgs will represent JSU. Last year, AOPi defeated Phi Mu from SU, 34-0, and Locust Fork defeated the SU team, 17-16.



JSU finishes sixth in OVC

From staff reports

MURRAY, Ky. — Wade Martin finished 11th in the Ohio Valley Conference Cross Country meet with a time of 26:12 to lead Jacksonville State to a sixth place finish. It was Martin's first outing of the year, after being sidelined with injuries. Ashenafi Arega, who has finished first for the Gamecocks all season, dropped out of the race because of heat exhaustion.

Eastern Illinois' team took home the OVC Championship title with a total time of 2:08:29.36. JSU's team time was 2:20:28.35.

Yibeltal Arega finished second for the Gamecocks and 22nd overall, running a 26:55 8K in the championship. Matt Morgan placed 38th (28:22) and Jason Butler was 40th (28:34). Sam Cordts finished fifth for JSU, and Andrew Clark was sixth on the team.

"Both the men's and women's teams are going to win championships," said JSU head coach Heath Dudley. "And these teams are laying the foundation for success at JSU."

On the women's side,



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Mackenzie Hayes runs the 5K at the OVC Cross Country Championship. The Gamecocks finished sixth at the meet.

Eastern Kentucky won the title with a total time of 1:32:13.11. The Jax State women were 10th in the competition.

Emily Hulse was 24th overall and first for the Gamecocks (19:25) in the 5K race, breaking a school record. Mackenzie Hayes finished second for JSU, followed by Rachel Doak, Amber Dudley and Crystal

Price.

"It is unbelievable how much pride these young men and women have when they put the JSU uniform on," said Dudley. "They run so hard, and we are proud of their determination. I also want to commend assistant coaches J.J. Downs and John Weston for their hard work this season. They are both working tirelessly for this program."

Women finish 2nd in final golf tourney

From staff reports

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Jacksonville State fired a team total of 613 to win the 11th annual John Kirk/Lady Panther Intercollegiate on Tuesday at the par-72 Eagles Landing Country Club.

Jacksonville State improved seven strokes to move up from third to first to claim the title in the field of 12 teams.

Southern Mississippi posted a 615 to earn second place, while Middle Tennessee was two strokes behind with 617. Campbell University shot 630 to end the tournament in fourth, and fifth place contender Georgia State scored 633.

JSU was led by Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz's score of 149 to finish fourth, while

freshman Marie-Pierre Bernier tied for seventh with a 152. Sara Gallagher, competing as an individual, finished 14th with a 156.

Colette Murray tied for 15th with a 157, followed by Florencia Moran (159) who tied for 19th and Shanelle Howell (161) finished tied for 28th.

Campbell's Sofia Gorelik won the individual tournament title after carding 146 in two rounds of play.

This was the final tournament of the fall season for the Gamecocks.

GULF SHORES, Ala. — Jacksonville State shot a 15-under par 273 to move from fifth to second place on Tuesday at the USA Fall Beach Classic in the field of 15 at the par-72, 6,716 yard Gulf Shores Country Club.

The Gamecocks shot the low-round of the tournament on Tuesday behind the play of Nick Mackay and Patrico Cozzoli, who each shot a 66 in the final round and Matias Anselmo finished with a 68.

Anselmo and Mackay each finished the 54-hole event tied for fourth place with a 10-under-par 206, while Cozzoli was 28th with a 2-under-par 214.

Leonardo DiMarino, playing in his first collegiate tournament, tied for 44th with a 1-over-par 217, and Chase Deck tied for 46th at 218.

South Florida finished with a 28-under-par 836 to edge past JSU's total of 837 to claim the team championship. UCF was third at 838, while Memphis was fourth at 839. Southern Miss (847) rounds out the top five.

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